C.D. announcing Jehad against India

†1742. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently terrorists have issued a C.D. regarding announcement of Jehad against India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have investigated the matter;

(d) if so, which organisation has issued this; and

(e) the details of safety measures adopted by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) As per available information, a C.D. claiming to reveal plans for Jehad in India was received in June, 2007 by a local news agency namely 'Current News Service' in Srinagar. Inquiries into the matter have so far not revealed links of the C.D. to any particular terrorist outfit.

(e) The Government remains firmly committed to countering the challenge posed by terrorist organizations. Towards this end, a multi-pronged strategy is being pursued in close conjunction with the State Governments, which involves measures to check infiltration from across the borders, deployment of Central Security Forces in areas prone to terrorist violence, continuous vigilance and strengthening of security arrangements in vulnerable areas and around vital installations, sharing of intelligence, strengthening of State Police forces and upgradation of their skills and technical capabilities to deal with terrorist activities through the schemes of Police Modernization, and raising of India Reserve Battalions, etc. Efforts are also made to strengthen bilateral and multi-lateral cooperation with the aim of combating terrorism through arrangements for Mutual Legal Assistance, Extradition Treaties, exchange of information and intelligence etc.

Floods in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh

1743. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to recent flood in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh. approximately 120 people have died and the situation is very severe; .

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to help those people who are badly affected by flood;

(c) whether Government have any plan to relocate those people who have lost everything in this;

(d) if so, the details thereof: and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (e) As per the information received from

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